

Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Minutes

I. Attendance: members: Tom Miller, Mary Thatcher; staff: Sheila Thompson, Kevin Grunwald

II. Minutes: Minutes of March 23, 2004 were reviewed and approved.

III. New Business:

a) The Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded, for Committee review, a Special Permit Application for an Agricultural and Recreational development, The Gardens at Bassetts Bridge Farm. The Committee reviewed the application, questioning portions of it, which were not clear as to accessibility. A letter will be drafted to the Planning and Zoning Commission asking for clarification of those issues.

b) Announcement was made of the Model Communities Forum on May 25, 2004, at the A.J. Pappanikou University Center for Disabilities. Committee members will be contacted in regard to their possible attendance, as it was expressed that Mansfield should be represented.

IV. Old Business:

a) Membership: Tom reported that Scott learned that a membership search announcement could not be placed in their church bulletin. Tom and Mary are aware of a few possible candidates for membership, and they will contact these people.

b) Transportation Coalition: Kevin stated that there has not been a recent meeting of the Coalition.

c) ADA Corridor: Kevin reported that there is to be a meeting of the WRCC tomorrow and he will attend. He will address issues of the ADA corridor with that group and report back to the Committee at its next meeting. During this discussion it was suggested that the Town make bus passes available at the Senior Center for those who have difficulty coming to the Town Hall. This will be brought to the attention of the Town Manager's office.

d) Increasing Print Size on Town Notices: Sheila reported that she had communicated with Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, regarding this issue, and that there was agreement to increase the type for posted Town notices to Arial Bold, with a pitch of 12. Sheila distributed a sample notice to the Committee.

e) Drive-up Mailbox: Sheila reported that she had spoken with the Storrs Postmaster, and was told that the Federal agency would agree to placement of a mailbox at the Community Center. This information was conveyed to Matt Hart, and he, in turn, has turned the matter over to the Town engineers to coordinate with the Postmaster with regard to feasibility.

Having completed discussion of all business brought forward, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 25, 2004 at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Thompson